10. *Industrial Education.*—The Chamarajendra Technical Institute, the Central Industrial and Art Workshops and the several Industrial Schools in the State continued to give practical training to students. Suitable vocational courses are being introduced in Middle Schools by the Education Department, in co-operation with the Department of Industries and Commerce.

Four persons were given advanced training; and technical scholarships tenable outside the State were awarded for studying Technical Chemistry, Textile Manufacture, Bleaching and Dyeing, Painting and Fine Arts. Government have since issued orders (No. I. C. 2359-62—I. & C. 317-23-6, dated 5th October 1925), systematising the award of industrial scholarships.

Government observe that there is at present no uniformity of training in the several industrial schools and no proper examination for the students who undergo training in the various institutions in the State. The Director is requested to go into the question and submit specific proposals for the consideration of Government.

11. *Trade and Commerce.*—Wages continued to be stationary and there was no noticeable immigration or emigration of labour. As compared with the previous year, there was a general increase under imports, of rice, raw cotton, piece-goods, dyes, hides and skins, silver, salt and sugar; and a similar increase under exports of cotton twist and yarn, tanning barks, oil cakes and seeds, tanned hides, manganese, cast iron, silk waste and woollen goods. The Review of the External Trade of the State for the past 12 years is reported to be nearing completion.

12. *Weights and Measures.*—By the end of the official year, 7,000 sets of seamless measures were supplied by the Mysore Premier Metal Factory. 58 sets of measures and 24 sets of weights were sold to the public by the end of June 1925. The demand for the standard weights and measures is not keen in spite of their obvious superior advantages.

The question of arranging for the supply and distribution, in sufficient quantities, of standard weights and measures throughout the State, as also of amending the existing Weights and Measures Regulation No. XII of 1902, to suit altered conditions, is under consideration.

13. *Exhibitions.*—The accounts relating to the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley have practically been closed. Barring a few items pending disposal with the Department, the Exhibition has cost Government roughly Rs. 80,000.

14. *Posts and Telegraphs.*—There were 483 Post Offices in the State at the end of the year, as against 489 at the end of the year 1923-24. During the year, the British Postal Authorities conceded the principle of taking into account the Postal value of service correspondence in calculating the income of experimental as well as permanent Post Offices in the State, for judging about their remunerative character.

15. *General.*—With regard to the work turned out by the Superintendents of Industries, Government desire to observe that it is not enough if they merely help in the installations and maintenance of plants and machinery by the Department within their division and that they should make a thorough study of the industrial conditions in the area under their charge and send up proposals for the development of industries particularly Cottage and Home Industries suitable to each locality.

16. Government are pleased to observe that the report of the Director which contains a summary of work done by the Department during the past 4 years when Mr. D'Souza was in charge of it, is interesting and shows steady progress in every direction.

B. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,
Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT.

Amendment of Insurance Rules.

READ—

Letter No. 9806, dated the 13th November 1925, from the Secretary, Mysore State Life Insurance Committee, forwarding for sanction resolution No. VIII regarding the amendment of Rule 6 of the Public Branch Rules consequent on the abolition of the system of optional insurance in the Official Branch.

ORDER NO. FL. 3871-2—G. F. 44-25-19, DATED 9TH JANUARY 1926.

Sanctioned.

2. The rule as amended will stand as follows:—

"Only persons who are natives of the Mysore State or are permanent residents therein shall be eligible for insurance under these rules.

M. N. KRISHNA RAO,
Financial Secretary to Government.

Resolution of the Insurance Committee.

READ—

Letter No. 9305, dated the 13th November 1925, from the Secretary, State Life Insurance Committee, forwarding for sanction Resolution No. V passed by the Insurance Committee, regarding the delegation to the Deputy Secretary of the power of sanctioning loans under the rules in the Public Branch and to accept the registry of assignments in that Branch.

ORDER NO. FL. 3893-4—G. F. 44-25-22, DATED 11TH JANUARY 1926.

Sanctioned.

M. N. KRISHNA RAO,
Financial Secretary to Government.

Distribution of Surplus Amount.

READ—

Letter No. 9432, dated the 14th November 1925, from the Secretary, State Life Insurance Committee, forwarding for sanction a copy of the Resolution of the Committee regarding the amendment of the 2nd paragraph of the Rule 24 of the Public Branch in the matter of the distribution of surpluses.

ORDER NO. FL. 3897-8—G. F. 44-25-20, DATED 11TH JANUARY 1926.

Sanctioned.

2. The amended paragraph will stand as follows :—

"As the Government of His Highness the Maharaja do not desire to derive any profit from the Public Branch Insurance Scheme, surpluses declared by the Actuary will be distributed amongst the policy holders under the first three Tables, namely, I—Whole Life Assurances, II—Whole Life Assurances by Limited payments, and III—Endowment Assurances, or otherwise utilised for increasing the stability and soundness of the fund. The decision of Government in such matters will be final. The Policies under Table IV—Childrens' Endowment Scheme—are without profits."

M. N. KRISHNA RAO,
Financial Secretary to Government.